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FOR DANIEL H. SIMPSON

FOLLOWING REPEAT YAOUNDE 1529 ACTION SECSTATE INFO PARIS  
DOUALA BY POUCH 6 MAY.

QUOTE

UNCLAS YAOUNDE 1529

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PGOV, CM

SUBJECT: AHIDJO INAUGURATED AGAIN AS CAMEROON'S PRESIDENT

1. PRESIDENT AHIDJO TOOK OATH OF OFFICE MAY 5 TO BEGIN  
FOURTH FIVE-YEAR TERM. INAUGURAL ADDRESS BEFORE NATIONAL  
ASSEMBLY, WHICH CONTAINED NOTHING NEW, WAS ARTICULATE, BROADLY  
PHILOSOPHICAL EXPOSE OF AHIDJO'S (AND GURC'S) RATIONAL AND  
MODERATE POLICIES.

2. IN GENERAL, AHIDJO STRESSED THEME OF BUILDING SOCIETY  
BASED ON CAMEROONIAN REALITIES, USING COUNTRY'S OWN MATERIAL  
AND HUMAN RESOURFES, FOR BENEFIT OF CAMEROONIANS. BUT SUCH  
"SELF-RELIANT DEVELOPMENT", HE EXPLAINED, IS NOT CHAUVINISM,  
OR EFFORT AT AUTARCHY SINCE INTERNATIONAL  
COOPERATION AND SOLIDARITY WITH ADVANCED COUNTRIES IS ALSO  
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A NECESSITY OF OUR TIMES. HE POINTED OUT THAT SELF-RELIANT

DEVELOPMENT DOES NOT RPT NOT REPRESENT NEGATIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD FOREIGN INVESTMENT WHICH WILL CONTINUE TO BE ENCOURAGED IN CONFORMITY WITH ESTABLISHED POLICY OF PLANNED LIBERALISM. DESCRIBING MAN AS THE END (GOAL) OF TRUE DEVELOPMENT, AHIDJO STRESSED NEED TO ACHIEVE BALANCE BETWEEN NEEDS OF SOCIETY IN GENERAL AND THE INDIVIDUAL, BETWEEN COUNTRY'S VARIOUS REGIONS, BETWEEN URBAN AND RURAL AREAS, BETWEEN SOCIAL GROUPS AND BETWEEN GENERATIONS.

3. AHIDJO DESCRIBED NEED FOR CULTURAL POLICY, BASED ON NATIONAL REALITIES AND CREATIVE INITIATIVE, BUT EMPHASIZED THAT CONCERN FOR NATIONAL IDENTITY MUST NOT REMOVE CAMEROONIANS FROM SENSE OF THE UNIVERSAL WHICH NECESSARY FOR TRUE DIALOGUE AND COOPERATION. SPECIFICALLY, HE WARNED AGAINST PURE AND SIMPLE ADHERENCE TO PAST HERITAGE, WHICH WOULD MEAN PARALYZING CONSERVATISM; SPOKE INSTEAD OF THE NEED TO RETHINK THIS HERITAGE, TAKING ACCOUNT OF MODERN SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL CIVILIZATION, TO BETTER MASTER REALITY AND TRANSFORM IT ACCORDING TO CAMEROONIAN IDEAL.

4. TEXT OF ADDRESS BEING POUCHED TO DEPT (AF/C). MOORE UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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